

1.—Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) Under the Intensive Rice cultivation Programme of the Government of India, South Kanara District has been selected for intensive rice cultivation.

(b) Details have been worked out according to the directions of Government of India and a proposal at a total cost of Rs. 2,25,000 till the end of III Plan period, is sanctioned and issued.

Grants or Assistance to Aided Schools in the State.

***Q.—1081. Sri P. F. D'MELLOW (Nominated).—**

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any grants or assistance is made available to Aided Schools in the State towards the purchase and provision of Science Laboratory equipment and if so, the amount provided annually;

(b) whether these grants are made available to all the Schools, including English medium Schools privately managed;

(c) if so, whether they are aware that privately managed Girls' High School at Hubli has been completely overlooked, despite several applications over the past three years?

A.—Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Education).—

(a) Yes; provision of Rs. 1 lakh and 40 thousand is made annually for non-Government Secondary Schools in the State in addition to the amounts admissible under normal maintenance grant.

(b) Yes; subject to availability of Budget provision.

(c) No.

Assistance Provided to Privately Managed Schools in the State.

***Q.—1082. Sri P. F. D'MELLOW (Nominated).—**

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what assistance, if any, does Government provide to privately managed schools in the State annually towards rent of School buildings;

(b) the procedure required to be followed for the assessment for any of such grant towards the rent of School buildings;

(c) whether they are aware that despite several requests by such private schools in Hubli, no action has been taken by the Educational authorities to arrive at a fair assessment for purposes of the grant to be allowed?